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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET TSUNAMI PROJECT

REF: TOKYO 12738, TOKYO 11783

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE. US-USSR TSUNAMI EXPERTS
MET MAY 9-12 IN HONOLULU TO PLAN THE SECOND OPEN OCEAN
TSUNAMI EXPERIMENT UNDER US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. COPY REPORT
POUCHED TOKYO ATTN SCIATT.

2. NOTE THAT SOME DETAILED PLANNING WITHIN CONTEXT OF
OVERALL PLAN WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE ABOARD SHIP. HOWEVER,
U.S. PARTICIPANTS CONFIDENT THAT RESEARCH WILL TAKE PLACE
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MORE THAN 12 MILES FROM JAPAN OR DISPUTED ISLANDS AND
(AS FAR AS WE KNOW FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION) OFF JAPANESE
CONTINENTAL SHELF. DATA RESULTS WILL BE FULLY AVAILABLE
TO GOJ. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE EXPEDITION IS TO RECORD
TSUNAMIS, AND HENCE WORK WILL BE IN DEEP WATER WITH HEAVY
EMPHASIS ON SEISMIC WORK. SECONDARY HYDROGRAPHIC WORK,
CURRENT PROFILING, AND THERMAL STRUCTURE MONITORING FOR

CLIMATE STUDIES WILL FILL IN SERIOUS GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE.

3. FOUR PRINCIPAL WORK AREAS ARE: I. WELL OFFSHORE FROM

HOKKAIDO, II. OPEN OCEAN (ABOUT 150 E, 35N), III. WELL OFFSHORE FROM TOKYO, AND IV. MARIANAS. WORK AREAS INDICATED ON CHARTLET ATTACHED TO REPORT ARE GROSS. SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR INSTRUMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED ABOARD SHIP, BUT WILL BE IN VERY DEEP WATER. IT IS LIKELY THAT SAIPAN WILL BE USED FOR TWO PORT CALLS INSTEAD OF GUAM AS INDICATED IN REPORT.

4. ALL U.S. PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN WELL BRIEFED ON GOJ CONCERNS. CHRISTOPHER

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